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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONFIGURING MULTIPLE DISPLAYS

ASSOCIATED WITH A COMPUTING SYSTEM

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the continuation application, filed concurrently herewith, as follows:

## In the Claims:

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 1-13, 15, 16, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 34, 35, 36 and 37.

Please amend claims 14, 24 and 33 as follows:

14. (Amended) A video graphics processing circuit comprises:
a plurality of display controllers included on a single video graphics card;
a plurality of drivers;

memory, wherein at least a portion of the memory is screen memory, the screen memory having a plurality of screen memory portions, each of the plurality of screen memory potions storing separate display data;

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| FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either. (1) complete as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371.  A Notice will be placed on a patent issuing from a CPA, except for reissues and designs, to the effect that the patent issued on a CPA and is subject to the twenty-year patent term provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 154(a)(2). Therefore, the prior application of a CPA may have been filed before, on or after June 8, 1995. |          |
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| under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.  2. X A preliminary amendment is enclosed.   |          |
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